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With your local councillor team in Sutton North: Cllr Ruth Dombey, Cllr Marlene Heron and Cllr Steve Penneck

## Tankers using Sutton bus garage

Residents will know that fuel tankers need to access Sutton bus garage to provide diesel fuel for the buses. Many years ago the buses used Bushey Road for access, but more recently they have been using Collingwood Road. Collingwood Road is no more suitable an access road, as many houses are positioned very close to the road.

We have been discussing this issue with Transport for London and GoAhead London. There is no easy answer to the problem. The bus garage is the only one in South London situated in a residential area. All the others are accessed off main roads. At the request of your local Councillors, the Council has tried in the past to persuade the bus company to move the garage, without success. The garage has been there a long time, but its usage has increased in recent years. There will be a solution in six years' time when all buses become electric, and the problem will lessen before then as more buses move over to electric vehicles, reducing the need for tanker deliveries.

At present there are two tanker deliveries a week. Sutton Council is considering asking them to share the impact between Collingwood and Bushey Roads, so that the tankers enter on one route and leave on the other. This could be for a six month trial to assess the effect. Please let us know what you think.

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